

Fresno, California  
Sept. 19, 1928

Mr. S. G. Porter,  
Supt. of Natural Resources,  
Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.,  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Dear Mr. Porter:      Re: Malakian Colony

Since I wrote you last, I have up until a few days ago, been working almost continuously on this proposition. These Russians are very hard to deal with and very slow to act under the most favorable circumstances. It took me over two years to get them to the point of coming to see Alberta and I did not hope that I would be able to make a definite deal with them under six months or a year after their inspection of the land.

The difficulty at the present time is this: The Guadaloupe Colony wish to make the move and come in a party of at least forty or fifty families this coming spring and they cannot make this move without the assistance of the Los Angeles Colony who are better off for ready cash than those in Mexico.

When the four Los Angeles delegates returned, three of them reported very favorably on the Tilley lands while the fourth one, Alex Galkian, reported that the land and other conditions ideal, but that the water condition was bad. This ostensible objection is to the system of reservoirs for winter water for the live stock and the cisterns for drinking water in use the year'round. Galkian is a merchant with a large general store in the heart of the Los Angeles colony. He has the trade of a great percentage of the colony and is getting wealthy from it. I am firmly convinced that his sole purpose in coming with the delegates to Canada was to find something unfavorable to report so as to hold the colony in Los Angeles and hence insure the continuance of his own prosperous business. In this I suspect he was backed by two or three others who are in business themselves and very prosperous and who really do not want to leave Los Angeles which they would have to do were the whole colony to move.

A great many meetings have been held in the city and at the end of each they are no nearer coming to a decision than when they started. They keep putting me off. Back of all this delay I suspect are the reasons given above.

As I have tried every scheme I know to bring matters to a head, I have decided to let matters rest for a couple of months or so when I will again visit the Mexican Colony and see what can be done. I firmly believe that as a result of

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the visit to Alberta these Mexican Russians will eventually come our way, but as matters stand now, things cannot be rushed.

Of course, I do not expect you to hold the Tilley proposition open for these people and when we begin negotiations anew they will have to take what you have left and are willing to give them.

I am here going over the San Joaquin Valley in search of a similar colony or a large number of any other people who may wish to move in a body and to whom the Tilley location would appeal. I am distributing C. P. R. literature to any one interested and doing propaganda work that may materialize later on. So far, I have not located a large colony. This is a big and populous valley - an empire in itself and there is no telling when I may find what I am looking for.

I have gotten some information here about a large settlement of German Mennonites, sugar beet farmers in Western Kansas. It seems they are quite Americanized and a great many of them American citizens so that they would be easy to get into Canada past the Immigration authorities. They are, I am told, contemplating a move in a body and it would be good business to go to their district and investigate. However, my own financial resources have been almost exhausted in the Malahian venture and I would personally be unable to put in the time and money necessary for such an investigation. However, if you thought it worthwhile, and would furnish the "sinews of war" I would be glad to go between now and Christmas and see what could be done. I could also look into any other likely colony in Kansas where I understand there are a number.

I wish to thank you for the extension already granted in connection with the Tilley lands and regret I could not get the Russians to act in time to take it up.

Yours very truly,



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# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY RAILWAY TELEGRAM



FORM 103

J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs.

(Printed in Canada.)

Calgary, September 17, 1928

W. J. McNameara,  
607 Esplanade,  
Redondo Beach, Calif.

Reservation Tilley lands expires twenty-second. When can we  
expect selections to be made?

S. G. Porter

Chg DNR



Copy for O.Kirkwold, Calgary, Alberta.

*Sup 11-28*  
*W. J. McNamara*  
M.E. Thornton,  
Ass't. Supt. of Colonization,  
Can. Pac. Ry. Co.,  
Portland, Ore.

607 Esplanade,  
Redondo Beach, Calif.,  
Aug. 29th. 1928.

Dear Mr. Thornton:

Bill McNamara, my son, and his friend Bill Jullian are leaving Los Angeles on the Pickwick stage tomorrow morning at six o'clock and will arrive in Portland on the same bus as I did on my last trip Saturday morning at six o'clock and will leave there for Vancouver at seven thirty. They want to get work in the Alberta wheat fields for the harvest and later on if they could find permanent employment they would remain in Canada. Should Mr. Loughran be able to place them in B.C. they would take work there. They are both good boys and willing to work so that I hope they will be successful in finding places. No doubt Mr. Kirkwold will be able to find them something out from Calgary and perhaps after the harvest might get them something in town for the winter.

On the same bus I am sending Mr. R.J. Ritner and his friend Mr. B.J. Woodley. Ritner is the one in your list of June 29th. and whose address was C.O. Y.M.C.A. Long Beach. Woodley's sister, Mrs. Devand has about \$9000. and if these boys like Alberta it is her intention to come up late this fall and buy 160 acres of irrigated land and about a section of grazing lands and set the two boys up in the farming and ranching business. She would also make her home with them in Alberta. I would therefore suggest that they be sent to the vicinity of Brooks where Mr. Bark could have something lined up later for the sister. However they are willing to take work anywhere for the harvest and after that get work in town. Woodley is a mechanic and Ritner has been a salesman for the Texas Oil Company and also has had experience with the Santa Fe Ry. in the refrigeration department. Through this connection, i.e. Mrs. Devand, I expect we can get some other good prospects for Alberta irrigated lands.

If you are unable to get down to see the boys Saturday morning I trust that you will advise Mr. Loughran of their arrival in Vancouver so that he can meet them there and if possible have them placed in positions before they start for Alberta.

Yours very truly,

W.J. McNamara.

Mr. Kirkwold:

You certainly will be doing me a great favor by getting the boys off to a good start.

*W. J. McNamara*



# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY RAILWAY TELEGRAM

J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs.



(Printed in Canada)

Sept. 4th. 1928.

H. J. LOUGHRAN.  
CPR DEPT.  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Your wire date. Many idle men waiting threshing but will do  
my best for McNamara and friend if they decide to come here.

RS

O. KIRK WOLD.



## CANADIAN PACIFIC R.Y. CO.'S TELEGRAPH TELEGRAM

Printed in Canada.

FORM T.D. 1

### CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

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STANDARD TIME  
1928 SEP 4 PM 4 25

VANCOUVER BC 4

O KIRKWOLD

CPR SUPT OF SALES D N R CALGARY ALTA

MCMAMARAS SON AND FRIEND BOTH LOS ANGELES JUST ARRIVED HUSKY AND

SEEMINGLY ANXIOUS WORK IS THERE LIKELIHOOD PLACEMENT HARVEST FIELDS

IF SO WILL PROCEED TONIGHT PLEASE ADVISE

H J LOUGHRAN.

*Handwritten notes:*  
2500 2000 1000 500 250 100 50 25 10 5 2 1 0



# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY RAILWAY TELEGRAM

J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs.

FORM 187



(Printed in Canada)

Calgary, August 27, 1928.

M. E. Thornton,

Multnomah Hotel,

Portland, Oregon.

Cannot offer specific jobs, but will assist boys getting  
work on arrival.

O. Kirkwold.

Charge C. P. R. DNR.



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CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

STANDARD TIME

ALERT 100000. 1 PORTLAND ORO 2

O KIRKWOLD

SORT OF SALES LEFT NATIONAL HAS CAN PAC RLY CO CALGARY ALIA  
MONTREAL ASKS CAN YOU ASSURE HAS BUN AND CHILD HARVEST WORK IF SO  
WILL GO FORWARD AT ONCE

M. E. THORNTON.

1928 AUG 27 PM 1 59





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FORM T.D. 1

# TELEGRAM

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

STANDARD TIME

VRA117 RS

VANCOUVER BC 20

1928 JUL 20 PM 5 44

O KIRKWOLD

SALES DEPT CPR DNR CALGARY ALTA

MCNAMARA ASSOCIATE HEMMING AND EIGHT RUSSIAN DELEGATES LEFT THIS  
MORNING TRAIN FOUR FOR BROOKS DIRECT ANXIOUS HAVE YOU MEET PRTY ARRIVAL  
CALGARY TOMORROW WITH COMPETENT INTERPRETOR OF PRACTICAL FARMING  
EXPERIENCE AND IF POSSIBLE ACCOMPANY PARTY IN FIELD MCNAMARA WILL  
EXPLAIN FULLY HIS SCHEME PROCEDURE DELEGATES APPEAR SINCERE PRACTICAL  
AND LIKELY PROSPECTS

H J LOUGHREN .



CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL THE WORLD

J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

(Printed in Canada)

STANDARD TIME

Q64 WN WX RS

WINNIPEG MAN JUNE 16-28

O KIRKWOLD

D N R CALGARY

MONTREAL REQUESTS YOU MEET MCNAMARA WITH RUSSIAN DELEGATION CALIFORNIA  
AND OLD MEXICO AND DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HELP THEM WITH INSPECTION. STOP  
LOUGHREN VANCOUVER WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN PARTY WILL ARRIVE CALGARY

C A VANSCOY

3,51P

## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

INTER-DEPARTMENT  
CORRESPONDENCE

FILE

Calgary, July 16, 1928.

MR. KIRKWOLD

With reference to the attached. This party under the guidance of Messrs. McNamara & Henning will arrive Calgary Friday. I have asked Mr. Loughran to wire on what train they will leave Vancouver, so that we can be prepared for them on arrival Calgary.

Mr. Bark will also be in Calgary on Friday morning to discuss with you a suitable itinerary in connection with taking them over the territory.

Will you kindly arrange accordingly.

A handwritten signature, possibly "J. H. L.", is written in dark ink. It consists of a large, stylized capital letter 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish that extends downwards and to the right.





# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY RAILWAY TELEGRAM

J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs.



(Printed in Canada.)

Calgary.  
July 14. 28

J.S. Dennis,  
Montreal.

Further my wire twelfth, re transportation Russian Delegates.

Are you also arranging issue transportation favor W.J. McHamara  
and H.E. Hemming Agents accompanying party.

G.A. Walker.

Chg DNR.

*McHamara & Hemming passes back  
Langbran 14/7/28 G.A.*



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FORM T.D. 1

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

STANDARD TIME

451 RS

MONTREAL QUE 12

GEO A WALKER

CALGARY ALTA

YOUR WIRE DATE DEALING WITH MATTER HERE

J S DENNIS

1928 JUL 12 PM 4 55

*EW  
to note  
C.A.*



# CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY RAILWAY TELEGRAM

FORM 167



J. McMillan, General Manager of Telegraphs.

(Printed in Canada).

Calgary, Alberta, July 12th, 1928.

J.S. Dennis,  
MONTREAL, Que.

R U S H

Your wire 10th to Porter re Transportation eight Russian  
Delegates Vancouver to Brooks. Has issue this transportation  
been authorized by Vice-President. It is directly contrary  
to regulations in effect D.N.R.

GEO. A. WALKER

PASS.

GAW/EB.

XXXXXXXXXXXXX 607 Esplanade Ave.,  
XXXXXXXXXXXXX Redondo Beach, Calif.,  
July 5th. 1928.

M.E.Thornton, Esq.,  
Supt. of Natural Resources,  
Can. Pac. Ry.,  
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

I am leaving here on Monday morning the 16th. inst. with the eight Russian delegates by motor coach, Pickwick Stages, and will arrive in your city at the bus terminal, corner of Park and Yamhill, on Wednesday morning at five o'clock. I will leave the same morning for Vancouver, also by bus, at 8.40. Perhaps you could arrange to get up a bit early that morning and come down and meet the delegates.

Would you kindly make arrangements with your Vancouver agent Mr. Loughran, to see the proper immigration authorities both Canadian and American so that there will be no trouble about getting into Canada and back again into the United States. I give you below a list of the eight Russians.

Our plan is to take the train from Vancouver the same morning we arrive, that is Thursday, and go straight to Calgary where, I presume, we would arrive Friday evening. I understand that there is a colony of Doukhobors at Queenstown, Alberta, not so far from Calgary and it would be a pleasant experience for our people if you could arrange with Mr. Kirkwold at Calgary to send the delegates to spend Saturday and Sunday with that colony and have them meet Mr. Henning and me at Brooks to look over the land. While in Alberta these people would like to meet as many prominent Mennonites and Doukhobors as possible.

Tomorrow I am starting out to look up the twenty people whose names you sent me in yours of the 30th. of June and will endeavor to get some of these to join me on the trip north with the others.

In his letter of November 21 5th. 1927 Mr. Egan said: "If this business develops, I will very gladly have some person meet the committee or delegates you bring to Canada in the Spring, provided you will let me know a little while before hand when they will be here and where we can connect with them." I am therefore writing him today advising him of the trip and I send you herewith a copy of my letter to him.

Will you on your part take the necessary steps to provide transportation for our party and other expenses from Vancouver to the land and back again as agreed? Mr. My associate, Mr. A.E. Henning, of San Pedro, will be with the party which will number ten in all.

The delegates from Mexico are: John Kapsoff, Vasili Pivavarooff, Vasili Buckaroff, Vasili K. Samarin, and those from Los Angeles: John T. Haprov, Alex. K. Patapoff, Alex F. Galkin and Joseph B. Kulikoff. All are prominent men in the respective communities, well off and men who know good land.

18th  
Brooks  
21/22  
Brooks

Trusting that all arrangements will be made so that things will go smoothly for all concerned I am,

Yours very truly,

A.J. McNamara.



## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

INTER-DEPARTMENT  
CORRESPONDENCE

FILE

Portland, Ore., July 9, 1928.

Mr. S.G. Porter,  
 Mgr. Dep. Natural Resources,  
 Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.,  
 Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Will you please issue round trip transportation Vancouver to Brooks and return favor of W.J. McNamara and H.E. Henning, commission agents. Mr. McNamara is making a trip of inspection with Russian delegates from Old Mexico and Los Angeles.

I am attaching copy of Mr. McNamara's letter of the 5th advising me of the trip. I have also wired Mr. Macallister at Montreal asking him to authorize you to issue trip passes in favor of the delegates as agreed upon.

I am also sending you copy of Mr. McNamara's letter to Mr. Egan, Deputy Minister of Immigration, advising him of the proposed trip.

Mr. McNamara, whom I believe you met in Calgary, is leaving California on the 16th and leaving Portland on the 18th for Vancouver, and in the event of your receiving authorization from Mr. Macallister I wish you would issue passes to the following:-

*Sept*  
*Life Sav. Sec.*  
 John Kapsoff ✓  
 Vasili Pivavaroff ✓  
 Vasili Buckaroff ✓  
 Vasili K. Samarin ✓  
 John T. Haprov ✓  
 William K. Patapoff ✓  
 Alex F. Galkin ✓  
 Joseph R. Kulikoff ✓

*Have to Brooks, & ret.*

*Aug 15/28*

sending same to my office Third & Pine Sts., Portland, Oregon.

Yours very truly,

*M.E. Thornton*  
 Asst. Supt. of Colonization

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FORM T.D. 1  
**TELEGRAM**

**CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD**

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegrams, Montreal.

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STANDARD TIME  
MONTREAL QUE 10

1928 JUL 10 AM 9 51

S G PORTER

DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES C PR CALGARY ALTA

PLEASE ISSUE TRANSPORTATION VANCOUVER BROOKS EIGHT RUSSIAN  
DELEGATES ACCOMPANYING MCNAMARA INSPECTION EASTERN SECTION AS  
OUTLINED TELEGRAM FROM THORNTON PORTLAND COPY OF WHICH SENT YOU BY  
HIM

J S DENNIS

*Handwritten signature/initials*

Portland, Ore., July 9, 1928.

Mr. J.N.K. Macallister,  
Asst. Commissioner,  
Dept. Colonization & Development,  
Montreal, P.Q.

McNamara advises leaving sixteenth with Russian delegates stop Please  
instruct Porter issue transportation Vancouver Brooks favor John Kapsoff  
Vasili Pivavaroff Vasili Buckeroff Vasili K. Samarin from Mexico  
John T. Haprov William K. Patapoff Alex P. Galkin Joseph R. Kulikoff  
from Los Angeles stop Am sending copy my wire and list of names to  
Porter stop Necessary Porter send passes this office stop Writing.

H.B. Thornton

C O P Y

607 Esplanade Ave.,  
Redondo Beach, Cal.  
July 5.1928

M.E.Thornton, Esq.,  
Supt. of Natural Resources,  
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Dear Sir:-

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W.J.McNamara.

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607 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, Cal.  
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W.J.Egan,  
Deputy Minister of Immigration,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

Re Nine Russian Families.

After receipt of your telegram in Vancouver insisting upon the terms of your letter of the 11th of June, as I could not get any bond company to incorporate clause A in their guarantee, I ~~decided~~ decided to return to California and bring to Alberta the ~~Malakan~~ delegates to look over the C.P.R. irrigation lands at Brooks. In your letter to me dated November 5th, 1927, you state that if I would advise you a little time beforehand when they would arrive at the Canadian boundary you would have some one from your department meet the committee.

We will arrive at Blaine, Wash. Wednesday evening July 18th. As I have undertaken to bring these people back to Los Angeles by the 3rd of August a two weeks permit to look over the lands will be ample time. From Vancouver the party will be in charge of the Canadian Pacific Railway till their return to Blaine and I make no doubt the company will undertake with you that they will be returned to the United States within the time specified.

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FILE

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Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing copy of Mr. McNamara's letter to me also one to Mr. Egan, which is self explanatory. I presume that you can arrange to have the committee visit the Doukaboors and Mennonites in the Province. I have wired Mr. Macallister asking him to authorize issuance of transportation for this party as agreed upon.

Will you please notify Don Bark or anybody else interested in this movement. I have written Mr. Porter advising him of my action.

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# CANADIAN PACIFIC R.Y. CO. TELEGRAPH

## TELEGRAM

CABLE CONNECTIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

J. McMILLAN, General Manager of Telegraphs, Montreal.

STANDARD TIME

1928 JUN 15 AM 9 57

WM C37 RSK WINNIPEG MAN 15

O KIRDWOLD

DEPT NAT RESOURCES C P R CALGARY ALTA  
WILL BE IN CALGARY SUNDAY MORNING INFORMED HERE THAT MR DENNIS AND  
MACALLISTER WILL ARRIVE THERE SUNDAY ALSO TRY ARRANGE MEETING RE  
RUSSIAN COLONY

W J MCNAMARA



## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

INTER-DEPARTMENT  
CORRESPONDENCE

FILE

Portland, Ore., May 28, 1928.

Mr. O. Kirkwold,  
Supt. of Sales,  
D.N.R., C.P.R.,  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

The bearer, Mr. W.J. McNamara of Torrance, California, is I believe known to you. He was at one time Mayor of Edmonton and has been working for the past year on a big movement of Russians from Old Mexico, which has now broadened out to a large number also in Southern California.

I anticipate some difficulties with the immigration authorities in securing entry for these people from Mexico especially, however Mr. McNamara is submitting his proposal to Mr. Skinner, Divisional Commissioner, Vancouver, B.C., enroute to Canada at which time he can give Mr. Skinner first hand information regarding the habits and desirability of these people.

Some of these I understand, outside of the main colony, are not very well fixed financially, however Mr. McNamara has a proposal to submit to you in which his syndicate will endeavor to finance the first party on some basis that he hopes will be acceptable to the Company.

As these people wish to go in colonies and have been fighting drought for a number of years, Mr. McNamara believes that our irrigated land will lend itself to this scheme. Personally I believe that it can be arranged that it would be far better to put them in the Irrigation Block as we have plenty of land and these people have plenty of labor. I originally understood from Mr. McNamara that these people were irrigating in their present location but he informs me that this is not a fact.

I am sending Mr. McNamara to you and wish you would discuss thoroughly the phases of the situation and get a good draft of what his people are endeavoring to do and I believe you will be the same as myself, in sympathy with the movement and believe it will be practical if properly handled.

I presume you will make all arrangements with Mr. McNamara to see some land in the Irrigation Block and give him necessary credentials to Mr. Don Bark and have him meet also Mr. Porter.

Yours very truly,

*M. S. Thornton*

Asst. Supt. of Colonization.

MET/S

*Canadian Pacific Railway Company*  
*Department of Colonization and Development*



OFFICE OF  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
OF COLONIZATION

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*Aboard Train*  
*May 31st 1928.*

*D. Kirkwood, Esq.,*  
*Supl. of Sales,*  
*Dept of Nat. Res.*  
*Calgary, Alberta.*

*Dear Mr. Kirkwood:—*

*No doubt you are familiar with the plan I have to move a large colony of Russians from their present location in the Guadalupe Valley, Lower California, Mexico, to the irrigated lands of your company east of Calgary. I shall be bringing ref to Calgary in*

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August, eight delegate, a committee  
appointed by these people to look  
over the land and report back. The  
Swadalousen colony will number  
about 200 families which include  
about 100 heads of families and  
100 young married couples or  
young men wanting land for  
themselves and about to marry.

In the mean time that  
I come to Portland to interview  
Mr. Thornton about 14 families  
of Russians at Ensenada,  
Mexico, not a part of this colony  
but friendly to them, who wish  
to come to Canada at once. I  
give you below a description of  
these people, they are all fine

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young, healthy, fellows, now farming  
and used to farming all their  
lives. Conditions in Mexico are  
almost unbearable for them from  
the fact that no matter how hard  
they work they cannot get ahead  
for there is no market for what they  
raise. They all have a little  
money but not enough to start  
alone and have suggested to  
them to form themselves into a  
co-operative society for a period of  
five years, pool all their cash  
and other assets, and buy a  
tract of land in the irrigated  
belt of the C.P.R. from our syndicate  
— who will buy it from the company  
direct and sell under contract to them—



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This they have agreed to do. They will turn over all their cash to us and come at once to Alberta, my people - a California syndicate which is financing the big colony scheme, will help them to some extent if your company will do its share which I have no doubt you will.

It was to select land from your irrigated belt that I spent North a few days ago and would have been with you in Calgary by this time looking over the land, but for an unforeseen difficulty. The Canadian Port. Imp. at Vancouver, Mr. Sherrin could not give me a pass for the entry of these people, but

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suggested that I go on to Ottawa and Montreal and go to see Mr. Egan, the deputy minister, with Mr. McCallister or Mr. Dennis and secure, if possible, the necessary passes for entry to Canada. After a conference today with Mr. Shannon, I decided to do this. So I am now on my way ~~to~~ back to Vancouver and tomorrow I shall start East to Montreal. If I am successful I shall leave at once for Calgary and will look over what you have that will be suitable for these people. While in Ottawa I shall also take up with Mr. Egan the question

of money, the large colony whose  
delegates shall bring up in August.  
Besides the 200 families in  
Mexico there are about 350  
families in Los Angeles who will  
be more, so that if I can  
get the movement started it  
will develop into the largest  
migration to Western Canada in  
recent years

Should my train pass  
through Calgary during business  
hours I shall send you a wire  
so that I may have the pleasure of  
meeting you again and personally  
discussing the matter

I am the list given you  
you will have time between  
my visit to Ottawa and my  
return to Calgary, to have in  
mind a tract or two that I  
can look over. It is almost  
necessary to select a block

with some buildings and some  
land already under cultivation. The  
land does not all have to be in a  
block but fairly close together  
so that it may lend itself to co-  
operative effort. Then too they  
would like a good portion of it  
for pasture land so that they could  
raise cattle for the market.

Here is a list of the prospective  
settlers:-

- (1) William H. Kanderchoff, age 38  
Catherine, wife, age 34, no children,  
Dodge truck in good condition,  
Capital \$350
- (2) Joseph J. Jakubimowitch, age 41  
Wife 36, 2 children 5 and 1 1/2 years,  
\$250 and good touring car in  
good condition
- (3) Michael Belukin, age 43  
Single, Capital \$225, good 2nd  
car
- (4) Simon H. Loff, age 36,

Wife 30, 2 children 6-4 years,  
Capital \$400 - 2nd touring.

(5) William Paf off, age 36  
Wife 30 - 3 Children 7-3-2  
Mother 55, sister 16.  
Capital \$350, good Dodge truck

(6) Radimer Lemnenghe, age 30  
single Capital \$250, 2nd car

(7) Nicholas L. Melianoff  
single, age 30 Capital \$150  
2nd car

(8) Saul N. Zelnis hi, age 33  
Wife 30 - 4 Children 8-6-4-7 mos.  
Capital \$400, 2nd car, black-  
smith tools etc. This man is  
a leader among them and does  
all ref air work to auto and  
farm implements. They all  
have farm implements but intend



to sell them for what they will bring<sup>9</sup>  
in Mexico which will not be much.  
Capital amounts mentioned are cash  
they have in hand which will be  
augmented by what they can sell  
their implements for and what they  
can get for household goods etc  
which they cannot take with them

(9) John Tatoff, age 33  
Wife 30 - 5 children 14 - 8 - 5 - 4 - 1  
Capital \$250 - Dodge touring car.  
good condition 1926-model.

(10) Married woman - husband in  
prison - some money there - he will  
come out as soon as location  
secured and gain colony - Age 35  
5 children 15 - 13 - 10 - 8 - 2  
Capital \$400 - good Ford car +  
implements

(11) Gregory Gregoroff - age 43  
Wife 40 - 3 children 15 - 8 - 5  
Capital \$350 - 2nd car.

(12) Andre Delatoff - age 36 10  
wife - 8 children / will leave wife  
and children ~~at~~ for couple years and  
have them come after things go ok.  
Capital \$200 - Good car

(13) Peter Delatoff - age 22, brother  
to above - Capital \$150 - Single

14 Michael P. Piroff (not part of  
cooperative colony, but will come  
and take land - wife and  
stepson 17 years, not farmer,  
engineer. Capital \$1500

I shall mail this letter in  
the morning so you may get  
it before my train passes  
through Calgary.

Sincerely  
W. J. McNamee



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Calgary, May 26, 1928.

Mr. M. E. Thornton:

I have sent your interesting letter of the 23rd inst to Mr. Don Bark at Brooks, who now has charge of the sale and settlement of our irrigable lands in the Eastern Section.

If the movement of these people should materialize it certainly would be a great stroke of business for the Eastern Section. You state that you anticipate some difficulty in getting permits for the entry of these people, but inasmuch as the doors are open now to practically all Europeans, I cannot see that there should be any great difficulties in getting permits for this group. Undoubtedly, as you say, Mr. McNamara will carefully look into this matter when he arrives here, and I am sure that the offices of the Colonization Department will find a way to solve this question. I am sure that they will have no difficulty in finding suitable land in the Eastern Section, in fact that is the only district in which we now can accommodate any large group of people.

I have asked Mr. Bark to communicate further with you as to what available land there would be in the Eastern Section for these people.

Yours truly,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES.

OK/MIJ.

Calgary, May 26, 1928.

MR. DON H. BARK:

I am enclosing herewith letter I have received from Mr. M. E. Thornton, from which you will note that Mr. McNamara expects to be here shortly with a view to selecting land for his people.

I have acknowledged receipt of this letter, to Mr. Thornton, but perhaps it would be well if you would also write him a letter assuring him that there would be ample land for these people when they arrive.

Kindly return Mr. Thornton's letter.

Yours truly,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES.

OK/MIJ.



## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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FILE

Brooks, Alta., May 30th, 1928.

Mr. O. Kirkwold,  
Superintendent of Sales,  
C.P.R. D.N.R.,  
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith, Mr. M. E. Thornton's letter of the 22nd inst. re the settlement of a Russian colony from Old Mexico, and while I realize there would be many different factors to be considered, I am writing him that I think we could settle these people and take care of them in the Tilley district where they would be pretty well concentrated.

Very truly yours,



DHB/B

Superintendent  
Irrigation Development Branch.



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FILE

Portland, Ore., May 22, 1928.

Mr. O. Kirkwold,  
Supt. of Sales,  
Department Natural Resources,  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I have been working for the past year with Mr. W.J. McNamara, Torrance, Cal., on a movement of a Russian colony from Old Mexico and also several Russian families from Southern California. This movement is coming to a head very rapidly. They expect to send up their delegates in July. Mr. McNamara already has fourteen families who have instructed him to go to Canada the last of this week and select land for them. I pointed out to Mr. McNamara this would not be possible as he is one of our commission agents, that he could go and select a tentative site but we will not be able to issue a contract until the purchaser has seen the land himself.

All these people want irrigated land. There are about 175 families in the main colony. It will take between 250 to 300 quarter sections of land to satisfy the colony and if the movement is satisfactory it will be by far the biggest deal put over in the Irrigation Block.

These Russians are all capable of financing themselves, have farmed for a number of years in Old Mexico in fact were there before the war and although they are a religious sect they are not as radical as Doukobors.

I anticipate the necessity of Mr. McNamara, in conjunction with our Department in Montreal, interviewing the Minister of Immigration with a view of endeavoring to get a permit for their entry. I know there will be some obstacles in this direction however I thought best to advise you ahead of time so that you could discuss with the Engineer or Don Bark some location where there is sufficient land available to satisfy their requirements. Personally I think it will be poor policy to scatter them all over the Irrigation Block.

I will give Mr. McNamara the necessary letters of introduction to yourself and the other officials.

Yours very truly,



Asst. Supt. of Colonization.

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